

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2839  
PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 2839

Confirmation No.: 4465

Examiner: Chandrika Prasad

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For: **OPTICAL FIBER CABLE WITH CUSHION MEMBERS PROTECTING OPTICAL  
FIBER RIBBON STACK (As Amended)**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003<sup>1</sup>, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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<sup>1</sup> Since the due date of December 26, 2003 fell due on a federal holiday, and December 27-28, 2003 fell on a weekend, this Amendment is being timely filed on the next business day of Monday, December 29, 2003.